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Election of a member to the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues

Note by the Secretary-General

Addendum

1. Pursuant to its resolution 2000/22 of 28 July 2000 and decision 2001/316 of 26 July 2001, the Economic and Social Council established a Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues as a subsidiary organ of the Council, consisting of 16 members, all serving in their personal capacity as independent experts for a term of three years. Eight members are nominated by Governments and elected by the Council according to a specified pattern set out in decision 2001/316, and eight members are appointed by the President of the Council.

2. At the 46th plenary meeting, on 20 December 2001, the President of the Council appointed eight experts to the Forum for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 2002. At the same meeting, the Council elected seven members to the Forum and postponed to a future session the election of one expert from Asian States for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 2002.[1]

3. The Secretary-General has received a nomination from the Government of China to fill the outstanding vacancy on the Forum. The candidate is **Qin** Xiaomei. The term of office would begin on the date of election and expire on 31 December 2004.

4. Biographical information on Mrs. Qin is set out below.

[1] For the membership of the Forum, as appointed and elected, see Council decision 2001/201 C.

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Qin Xiaomei (China)

Academic degree: Graduated from Beijing University

Languages: Chinese, English

Previous experience

1964	Entered the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of China
1964-1990	Worked in the Department of International Organizations and Conferences, the Department of African Affairs, the Chinese Embassy to Kenya and the Chinese Embassy to Lesotho
1990-1995	Counsellor, Permanent Mission of China to the United Nations
1995-1997	Counsellor, Department of International Organizations and Conferences, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
1997-1998	Deputy Head, Section of International Organizations and Treaty and Law, Office of the Commissioner of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of China in Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of China
1998-1999	Counsellor, Chinese Embassy to the United States of America
1995-	Professor, Foreign Affairs College of China
2001-	Member of the Executive Board, United Nations Association of China